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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE application of:
Kurt L. BRILLHART et al.
Serial No: 10/010,005
Confirmation No.: 5606
Filed: December 7, 2001
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC AGGREGATION OF LATEX MICROPARTICLES IN THE PRESENCE OF SERUM OR PLASMA

Art Unit: 1641
Examiner: Mary Ceperley

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, the time for response to which is extended three month(s) by the accompanying petition from May 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin after page 15 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

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